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AMEMBASSY SOFIA
USINT BAGHDAD BY POUCH
AMEMBASSY SANAA BY POUCH

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN' S PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 12 AFTER SECRETARY ROGERS' MEETING AT 4:00 P. M. WITH CHIEFS OF ARAB DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON:

2. SECRETARY BEGAN NOTING WE HAVE DEPLORED AGAIN CYCLE OF VIOLENCE IN MIDDLE EAST AND WISHED TO CONVEY AS FORMALLY AND AUTHORITATIVELY AS HE COULD THAT THE ALLEGATIONS (OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN BEIRUT RAID) WERE " ABSOLUTE FALSEHOOD." HE ASKED THEM CONVEY THIS DENIAL PROMPTLY TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. HE NOTED DESPITE OUR DENIALS FALSE ALLEGATIONS CONTINUED CIRCULATE MOST PROMINENTLY BY GUERRILLA RADIO AND ASKED THE GOVERNMENTS TO DO WHATEVER APPROPRIATE AND POSSIBLE TO CURTAIL THE SPREAD OF FALSEHOODS, PARTICULARLY OVER CLANDESTINE RADIOS, BUT ALSO IN OFFICIAL MEDIA WHERE THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE. SECRETARY ASKED THAT OUR REPEATED DENIALS BE GIVEN CURRENCY IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

3. Q. WHICH CHIEFS OF MISSION WERE PRESENT?

A. THIRTEEN WERE INVITED; NOT SURE WHICH WERE PRESENT.

Q. WHAT KIND OF RECEPTION DID THE SECRETARY' S REMARKS RECEIVE?

A. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY' S OPENING STATEMENT WHICH I WON' T CHARACTERIZE IN DETAIL EXCEPT TO NOTE WE CONFIDENT THIS AUTHORITY DENIAL AND SECRETARY' S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROMPTLY CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

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4. NOTE: IN FACT ALL 13 CHIEFS ATTENDED. ROGERS

NOTE BY OC/ T: POUCHED BAGHDAD AND SANAA.

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